

# The Sydney Morning Herald.

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## BIRTHS.

On the 18th July at Waverley, Miss. John Potts, of a son. On the 25th July at Newbury, Sutton Forest, the wife of Charles L. Nichols, son of a son.

On the 26th July, at her residence, Bowfens, Mrs. James Dunn, a daughter.

On the 26th July, at Valletta, Double Bay, the wife of W. F. North, of daughters.

On the 27th July, at her residence, Cook's River Road, the wife of John J. M. Cashman, Esq., of a daughter.

On the 2nd instant, the son of Mr. J. W. Guine, chemist, Et. Leonard, North Sydney, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

On the 26th July, at the residence of the bride's parents, by special license, by the Rev. James Fullerton, L.L.D., Frank Binelli, to Alice May, eldest daughter of Mr. Newson Watson, Esq., 21, Princes-street, Sydney.

On the 27th July, by special license, Mr. Smithville, Eastern Creek, to the Rev. T. Clark, of a son.

On the 28th July, at her residence, Cook's River Road, the wife of John J. M. Cashman, Esq., of a daughter.

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## SHIP ADVERTISEMENTS

### LILWARRA S. N. COMPANY'S STEAMERS

TO  
WOLLONGONG.—KIAMA, THIS MORNING, at 10.  
EDEN (TWOFOLD BAY).—KIAMA, THIS MORNING,  
at 10.  
CLYDE RIVER.—KEMBLA, TO-MORROW, at 1 p.m.

TUROSS RIVER.—KEMBLA and BLACK SWAN,  
TO-MORROW, at 1 p.m.

KIAMA, ILLALONG, on FRIDAY, at 11 p.m.

SHOALHAVEN.—ILLALONG, or FRIDAY, at 11 p.m.

ULLADULLA.—KEMBLA, on MONDAY, at noon.

MORUYA.—KEMBLA, on MONDAY, at noon.

WONGONA.—Steamer on 11th instant.

THREE STEAMERS.

These first steamers will sail daily as follows:—

From PHENIX WHARF, at 9 a.m., and 1 and 4 p.m.

From PARRAMATTA, at 7 and 11 a.m., and 3 p.m.

ON SUNDAY.

SYDNEY, 9 a.m. PARRAMATTA, 4 p.m.

EDEN (TWOFOLD BAY), 11 a.m. 14.45 a.m.

Boat only NINEPENCE EACH WAY.

FROM AUCKLAND direct.—To follow the ALICE CAMERON.—The ALICE dinner barque CONSTANCE H. ELLIOTT, commander, will be

truly pleased to receive application for freight or passage apply on board, at the Patent Office, 28, William-street.

For freight or passage apply on board, by the Rev. William Williams, minister of Numba church, Shepherds Bush, Thamey, builder, to Mr. Margaret Scott, Green-street, Wellington.

On the 1st instant, the residence of Mr. Thomas Price, of the same.

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## WAYFARING NOTES.

No. XX.

My fellow-travellers, some whom were a good deal fatigued by the long ride of the preceding day, determined to remain another night at Nablous, and then proceed to Jenin, by way of Samaria. Being desirous of something more than a mere passing glance of the latter place I went on by myself in the afternoon, arranging to meet my friends at Jenin. The air was cool, bright, and exhilarating, and I had a delightful ride down the pleasant valley of Shechem. Abundance of water, dispersed in sinuous rills for the purpose of irrigation, makes this the region of luxuriant fertility that we see. Pity it is that the inhabitants are not more in harmony with the richness and beauty of the scene. "If the men," says Porter, "would only sell their guns and daggers, and spend the proceeds on a new coat and pair of nether garments, the vale of Shechem would have a look of civilisation." Several villages cling to the hill sides; of these, Beit Iba is the most imposing. After a time, the road led me up the slope on the north side of the valley, and before reaching the summit I rested awhile beneath a wide-spreading fig tree, beside a clear spring called Ain Deir Shiraf. A little further on, a view opened up before me competing in beauty with the valley I had left—the hill of Samaria, rising in the midst of a green and wooded basin, some five miles in diameter. By a steep descent among olive and other trees we reached the bottom of the basin, and then by a narrow lane, enclosed by fragments of ancient masonry, we climbed to the village. The people collected round us in considerable numbers, and a more forbidding, villainous-looking race I have not yet seen. They were very surly and uncivil; objected to our encamping there, and it was only after a considerable expenditure of All's eloquence that a bit of meadow was conceded on which to pitch the tents. Under the guidance of one of the least forbidding of them, whom we had picked up on the way from Nablous, I proceeded to examine the place. The modern village is a small and poor place, called Sebastieh. When Herod the Great rebuilt Samaria he named it Sebaste, from the Greek name of his patron Augustus, and that appellation (slightly changed) still adheres to it. The most conspicuous object in the village is a fine ruin of a Christian church. Part of it is now used as a mosque, and I had difficulty in gaining admittance; a little bakhish, however, smoothed the way. A few arches remain entire, with columns like those at Lydda, though not so good. In one of the walls are a few marble slabs marked with Maltese crosses much defaced. The natives call the place Neby Yahia, and believe that John the Baptist was buried here. In walking through the village I noticed many fragments of ancient cut stones built into the modern walls. In a fig orchard near the top of the hill I met with a number of columns standing without capitals. On the south side of the hill there is a long colonnade of similar pillars, about fifty standing; while on the north side, in a hollow of ploughed ground, there is a group of fourteen standing. Numerous fragments are found lying prostrate in different parts of the hill. I saw only one solitary capital; it lay hidden among green corn towards the north side of the summit. It was of the Corinthian order, but of rude style. None of the columns were of large size, nor of fine material (all being limestone), and as they stood without capitals, and partly buried in the soil, they were not individually imposing; but the general effect of such remains springing up from corn-fields, orchards, and ploughed ground in such numbers (there are between seventy and eighty standing, besides countless fragments prostrate) and over such an extent of surface, cannot fail to impress one with the beauty and extent of the ancient city, and to recall the prediction of Micah: "I will make Samaria a heap in the field, the plantations of a vineyard; I will hurl her stones into the valley, and lay bare her foundations." Samaria appears to be the "crown of pride" on which woe is denounced in the 28th chapter of Isaiah. "The crown of pride . . . shall be trodden under feet, and the glorious beauty which is on the head of the fat valley shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer."

When the day was done a magnificent full moon shed her mellow light over the hills and valleys and ruins. I was greatly tempted to wander out to enjoy the scenes in its new beauty, but it would have been unsafe, and so I had to forego the pleasure. All engaged two men (besides my guide) to act as guards during the night, and had to pay them twenty piastres each—an unusually high rate.

April 26th.—We started about seven o'clock. Descending the steep hill side towards the north and climbing the nearly equally steep hill opposite, we passed the village of Burka and reached the summit of the ridge, about five miles from Samaria. Here we had a magnificent panoramic view, back over the country we had traversed, westward over the Plain of Sharon to the sea, and northward along our intended route by villages and fertile valleys, with Sanjour in the distance upon its rocky hill on the margin of a lake. The ridge on which we stood was covered with a dwarf shrubby vegetation, something like heather, and there was much wild thyme amongst it which diffused a pleasant fragrance. Farther down we got among luxuriant figs and olives, and then among green corn. After passing Jeba we met a troop of young girls of the village carrying home bundles of thorny bushes from the hills. They were pleasanter looking than those of Sebastieh, but still not much to speak of. Their clothing was coarse and scanty. They had the usual blue spots under the mouth, and dark colour about the eyes, and many of them had a considerable weight of four-piastre bits hung round their heads. This plan of carrying their whole wealth about with them must doubtless have its inconveniences, but in matrimonial speculations and such like it may save troublesome and delicate inquiries. The men hereabouts are still of a forbidding aspect, but when heavily armed and well mounted they are rather stylish. As I was riding along at some distance from the baggage train I met one who was quite a buck in his way. He was riding a showy horse, and was dressed in voluminous bright-coloured garments; in his belt were richly-ornamented pistols and daggers, and in his hand he carried jauntily a long spear adorned with tufts of ostrich feathers. We exchanged a friendly greeting and passed on.

The barley on these plains was farther advanced than what I had previously seen; and was turning yellow. Beyond Sanjour I found ploughing going on briskly, and people were sowing grain through tubes. The ploughs were of a stronger and better construction than those farther south. On the margin of the lake there was a great number of cattle and donkeys feeding, together with flocks of black goats with long silky ears. On surrounding the next ridge I could see a portion of the great plain of Esdraelon and the mountains of Galilee, and nearer to the left the pretty little plain of Dothan. Descending through olive groves we passed the

village of Kubatiyah, where I noticed curious beehives made of clay, and also conical huts of clay, apparently for ovens. We next rode through a small plain of corn and olives, crossed another ridge sparkling with bright wild flowers, and then down into a narrow tortuous valley in which was a copious spring of clear water welling out from the hill side. This is one of the sources of "that ancient river" Kishon. Following it down, we at length emerged on the Plain of Esdraelon, close beside Jenin, the Ka-gannim of the tribes of Issachar. This is about eighteen miles from Samaria, which again is about seven miles from Shechem. My tent was pitched on a grassy meadow on the other side of the stream from the village, from which also I was separated by formidable hedges of prickly pear and a few date palms. The heat of the afternoon was excessive, the thermometer being 88° in my tent, and I was obliged to keep quiet for a few hours till the sun declined and the temperature moderated. At 3 p.m. the noisy jangling of mule bells heralded the coming of the other baggage trains, and in an hour afterwards all the travellers arrived. The ten tents, with the many animals and servants moving about, soon made the little meadow quite lively. In the evening I walked up the hill behind our camp, and had a good view over the plain of Esdraelon—a noble expanse of verdure, with a few bare patches of ground newly ploughed. Carmel bounds the view westward, and Gilboa and the mountains of Galilee northward. This great plain is destitute of inhabitants on account of its insecurity, and the little cultivation that we see on it is carried on by people from the villages that nestle in the neighbouring valleys, or cling to the hill sides. "If we except its eastern branches," says the handbook, "there is not a single inhabited village on its whole surface, and not more than one-sixth of its soil is cultivated. It is the home of the wandering Bedawys, who can scour its smooth turf on their fleet mare in search of plunder; and when hard pressed can speedily remove his tents and his flocks beyond the Jordan, and beyond the reach of a weak Government." The little grey town of Jenin, with its luxuriant fruit gardens, looks prettily on the gentle slope on our right; we did not see a nearer inspection of it. Two arched aqueducts convey water from the streams towards the town.

April 27th.—An excellent day for travelling, for though pretty hot, the sky was overclouded the whole day and tempered the sun's rays. Our ride to Nazareth, about twenty-two miles, was full of interest—first across the southernmost of the three eastern arms of the great plain, through splendid crops of wheat and barley (the latter ripening), and then along the western end of Mount Gilboa. After eight miles of good road we reached Zerif, occupying the site of Jezreel, on a rocky spur of Gilboa descending rather precipitously on the north. There are mounds of ruins here, but nothing distinct. I noticed a carved stone sarcophagus lying among the grass, probably of Roman time. The plain of Esdraelon lay before us in all its fertility and beauty, with the broad valley of Jezreel running down from it to the Jordan. Looking down this green valley we could see Bethshan (now Beisan), and the mountains of Gilead beyond Jordan. Nearly two miles along the valley, and close under the steep and rocky side of Gilboa, we saw the pool called Ain Jalud, probably the "well of Harod" at which Gideon tried his men, and almost certainly identical with the fountain of Jezreel, beside which Saul was encamped on the eve of his last battle. We had previously arranged to visit this interesting spot, but my companions thought this distant view sufficient, and determined to ride straight on; more especially as the dragonets pronounced the district unsafe, and that it was incumbent to keep the public road and not delay. Dr. Veitch's dragonet told us that on a recent trip this way he had come upon the dead bodies of three native travellers that had been robbed and murdered here. Being unwilling to miss a nearer view of the fountain, and a better understanding of Saul's fatal battle-field, I prevailed on Mr. G. to ride down with me, Ali reluctantly consented to go with us, stipulating that we should ride fast and not loiter. Riding down the rocky slopes of the hill of Jezreel, and then along the base of Gilboa, we suddenly became aware that the valley was warming with Bedouins. Their flock and black tents dotted the slopes, while small parties of armed men, mounted on foot, were moving about. We had taken a man from the village as a sort of protector and guide (very unwilling he was to go), and several of these vagrants spoke to him, and rather eagerly (as we thought) asked our business, and where we were going. We rode on, feeling something like approaching a hornet's nest, Ali looking very grim, and our guide as if he wished himself well out of it. Alighting at the fountain, we staid only a few minutes to admire the noble spring, and to taste the clear water welling out copiously from under the rugged limestone rocks. An ill-favoured group now gathered around us, questioning our guide with a sort of expression in their faces that we did not by any means like; and Ali (understanding their conversation) said it would be necessary for us to ride straight back to Zerif, instead of going diagonally across the valley to Solem as we had at first intended. When we made this move the Bedouins were evidently disappointed, and asked our guide angrily what we meant—that there was the road—pointing to the path to Solem, which would have taken us right past one of their camps. Of course we gave no heed to this, but only hastened our departure. Three mounted men, with long spears and other arms, left the camp opposite and rode after us nearly to the village, but they turned away at the foot of the hill. These roving tribes are the curse of the poor villagers. They make the proper cultivation of this fertile valley impossible. Coming up from the Jordan with their flocks and herds they pasture them where they will; and in harvest time they return and "reap where they have not sowed," leaving scarcely a bare subsistence to the unfortunate husbandman. I was told that they ride through the corn-fields with bags hanging to their saddles, and that they fill these bags with ripe heads of corn, which they cut off without disturbing. They keep up to the present day the character and habits of those "children of the East" whose descendants they probably are who laid waste the land in ancient times. "And so it was" (we read in the 5th chapter of Judges) "when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, as grasshoppers for multitude; and they entered into the land to destroy it."

We rode briskly across the valley about three miles to Solem, at the base of Jebel-Duhy. This hill is often called Little Hermon; it is probably identical with the "hill of Moreh,"

along the base of which the Midianites were encamped before their defeat by Gideon. Solem presents the ancient Shunem, the scene of the beautiful story told in the fourth chapter of II. Kings. Here the wayfaring prophet had his little chamber on the wall. "Into one of those corn fields that surround the village the child of promise—the reward of piety and hospitality—went out with his father to the respite, and there got the sun-stroke that occasioned speedy death. Across that great plain his mother rode in the afternoon to yonder blue ridge of Carmel to tell the prophet of her sad bereavement; and across it she returned again with the man of God, to receive from him her son, thus doubly the gift of heaven."

At Solem we were informed that the rest of our party had passed through the village, and then crossed the hill to Nain. The proper road winds round the base of ed-Duhy, but we were told that this way over the top is nearer, and so we followed it. The ascent was steep, but not difficult, and the summit commanded a fine view. Unfortunately we took a wrong gully to descend by on the north side, which led us too far to the west, and thus we gained nothing by our short cut. Thinking it would now be impossible to overtake our friends before reaching Nazareth we were informed that the rest of our party had passed through the village, and then crossed the hill to Nain. The proper road winds round the base of ed-Duhy, but we were told that this way over the top is nearer, and so we followed it. The ascent was steep, but not difficult, and the summit commanded a fine view. Unfortunately we took a wrong gully to descend by on the north side, which led us too far to the west, and thus we gained nothing by our short cut. Thinking it would now be im-

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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.—AUGUST 2.**  
Kiana (s.), 200 tons, Captain Hunter, from Merimbula. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Faria, Mrs. Hammond and family, Messrs. Fox, Brumley, Coombes, and 14 in the steerage. I. S. N. Co., agent.  
Uncle Tom, schooner, 166 tons, Captain Leonard, from Brisbane 17th ultime in ballast. Passenger—Mr. Thompson, R. T. Towner.  
Barwon (s.), Captain Lowrie, from Melbourne. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Adamson family (5) and servants, Mrs. Evans and family (2), Miss Reid, Miss Robson, Miss Duthie, Miss Lark, Miss Lark, Mr. F. Full, Mr. F. Fullen, Messer, Stokes, Brown, McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. Lindström, Bird, and 42 in the steerage. Card, Paterson, and Co., agents.  
Spray of the Ocean, ship, 100 tons, Captain Slaughter, from the Downs 26th ultime. Passengers—Miss Fletcher (2), Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Norton, Miss Hampton, Mrs. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Moore, Miss Symes, Messrs. Halford, Hunt, Booth, Eyre, E. Benzie, and 9 in the steerage. G. A. Lloyd and Co., agents.

**DEPARTURES.—AUGUST 2.**  
Goward, for Shanghai.  
City of Brisbane (s.), for Brisbane.  
Queensland (s.), for Brisbane.  
James Patterson (s.), for Rockhampton.  
Grafton (s.), for the Macleay.

**PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—AUGUST 3.**  
Maria Amalia, for Auckland; Jason, for London; Lawrence, for Newcastle; Empire (s.), for Maryport.

**CLEARANCES.—AUGUST 2.**  
Queensland (s.), 287 tons, Captain Horne, for Brisbane. Passengers—Mrs. Hudson, Miss Hudson, Mr. Nutt, Mr. Cunningham, and 3 in the steerage. G. A. Lloyd and Co., agents.

City of Brisbane (s.), Captain Knight, for Brisbane. Passengers—Miss May, Mrs. Carter, Miss Maher, Mrs. Pirrama, Miss Atwell, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. J. O'Connell, Mrs. Sanders and two children. Miss Sanders, Mr. R. J. Hobson, Mr. R. W. Mayne, Mr. P. Roberts, Mr. Green, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Thomas, Mr. E. W. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. Morris, Miss Byrne, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. J. Hoole, Mr. J. Crow, Mr. Bennett, Miss L. Alice, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Morris, Mr. G. Gover, Mr. L. Lenard, Mr. J. James, Mr. R. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lawson, Mr. E. J. Tibbott, Mr. R. Browne, Mrs. Cookbury, Miss May, Miss Morris, Mrs. Hudson, Miss Hudson, and 66 in the steerage. James Patterson, Captain Harley, for Port Denison. Passengers—Captain Dickson, and 1 in the steerage.

**COASTERS INWARDS.—AUGUST 2.**

Tiger, Prompt, Seer, Brisk, George, Little Pet, Notion, from Woolloomooloo with 880 tons coal. Star of the Evening (s.), from Wallis, with 1,000 tons coal. Star of the Evening (s.), from Brisbane with 2,100 feet timber. Conqueror Range and Lake Macquarie, with 60 tons coal; Comanchera (s.), from Brisbane, with 140 bags hay, 18 cases tallow, 20 bags maize, 2 packages fruit, 4 cases poultry, 1 case flour, 1 box tobacco, 1 horse.

**COASTERS OUTWARDS.—AUGUST 2.**

George, James, Tiger, Mountain Maid, Mocelle, Prompt, Brisk, Fresh, Petrel, Little Pet, for Newcastle; Star of the Evening (s.), from Brisbane with 1,000 tons coal. Star of the Evening (s.), from Brisbane with 2,100 feet timber; Conqueror Range and Lake Macquarie, with 60 tons coal; Comanchera (s.), from Brisbane, with 140 bags hay, 18 cases tallow, 20 bags maize, 2 packages fruit, 4 cases poultry, 1 case flour, 1 box tobacco, 1 horse.

**IMPORTS.—AUGUST 2.**

Marion (s.) from Melbourne: 287 bags rice, Molsson and Black; 4 wagons Holt and Angus; 50 bags hay; Beauchamp; 40 sacks Lorraine and Co.; 12 packages, Gilliland and Co.; 5 cases matches; 1 case soap; 1 case oil; 1 case paint; 1 case leather; 1 roll lead; 1 panel, Onder.

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Spry of the Ocean, from Melbourne: 287 bags rice, Molsson and Black; 4 wagons Holt and Angus; 50 bags hay; Beauchamp; 40 sacks Lorraine and Co.; 12 packages, Gilliland and Co.; 5 cases matches; 1 case soap; 1 case oil; 1 case paint; 1 case leather; 1 roll lead; 1 panel, Onder.

**DUTY PAID.**

3 cases books, W. Maddock.

2 cases drugs, J. and K. New.

2 cases drapery, Keay and Parsons.

12 boxes salt, F. Herzing.

10 cases pastilles, Love and Son.

2 cases drapery, W. Bryan.

1 saddlebag, Butler, Brothers, and Co.

10 cases soap, Wright.

2 packages leather, Gatto and Co.

1 case boots, R. Bailey.

30 cases salmon, Captain Page.

10 cases hams, Mitchell, Mitchell and Co.

1 case drapery, W. and S. Gardner.

1 case iron, S. Zollner.

10 cases dried currants, Limerick, Marwood, and Co.

3 cases drapery, P. Ogryz.

1 case needlework, L. Miss.

2 cases books, I. Cooke, McArthur and Co.

10 cases soap, Wright.

5 bags nail, 1 case monogrammer, J. Lewick and Co.

4 cases mushrooms, Peart and Harcourt.

1 case mustard, C. Smith and oil, 20 packages provisions.

3 cases leather, Smith, Brothers.

1 case drapery, Jackson and Hurley.

3 cases tallow, 2 boxes skins, 41 hides, Gilchrist, Watt, and Co.

375 lbs gold, Metcalfe and Lloyd.

2 boxes silver, 15 hides, 6 packages tailors, 100 hogheads ale, Fanshaw.

22 cases tallow, 1 half wool, 47 hides, 1 bundle skins, Tilswell, Wilson, and Co.

20 cases olives, 156 cases fruit, Leamington, Dickinson, and Co.

10 cases salt, J. Bailey.

1 package, E. F. Bell.

1 package, J. Walker.

10 packages, G. Moore.

1 package, J. Lewis.

1 package, J. L. Moore.





Department of Public Works

Sydney, 2nd August, 1864.

**TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SUPPLIES.**—Tenders are invited for the following Public Works and Supplies. For full particulars see Government Gazette, a file of which is kept at every Police Office in the colony.

No tender will be taken into consideration unless the terms of the notice be strictly complied with.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Date to which tenders can be received at this office.

**Nature of Works and Supplies.**

Coal Shoots, Morphett Great Northern Railway.—Contract No. 2 Extension. Singleton Iron Bridge, 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 16th August.

Well, Gas, Grange's Four Bridges, and Earth and Rock Excavation on Contract S-64 Wallabah Gap, 2nd District of the Great Northern Road.

Lodging-houses and Permanent Way Stores 125 Men's Cloth Caps, for Railway Servants

Approaches to Ferry Points at Five Dock and Iron Cove Creek.

Court-houses and Lock-up Wollombi, Great Northern Road, 2nd Division of the District. Completion of Contract No. 2-64—Money Flat Extension.

ARTHUR T. HOLROYD.

The Treasurer, New South Wales, 25th July, 1864.

**CONVEYANCE OF MAIIS.**—Conveyance being required for the Post Office mails, to and from the undermentioned places for four months, or for one year and four months, from 1st September, 1864, persons desirous to contract for providing the same are invited to transact their offers, in writing, to the Treasury, before 11 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, the 17th August next, endorsed, "Tender for conveyance of mails."

NORTHERN ROAD.

To and from Kempsey and Dairwae, Macleay River, twice a week.

To and from Kempsey and Warnerton (Macleay River Steam Works), twice a week.

To and from Taree, once a week.

SOUTHERN ROAD.

To and from Merimbula Wharf and Post Office, Eden, once a week.

To and from Wolumla and Kammera, twice a week.

The conditions will be the same as those published in the notice of 25th September last, and tenders will not be considered unless in accordance therewith. Special attention is directed to the last paragraph of conditions above referred to.

GROFFEY RAGAR.

**A USTRALIAN PAPER COMPANY** (Limited). Capital, £20,000. (With power to increase to double the amount.)

DIRECTORS:

H. C. BURNELL, Esq., W. H. ELDER, Esq., J. R. FERGUSON, Esq.

AUDITORS:

J. B. HOLMWOOD, Esq. (George A. MURRAY, Esq., Solicitor; Messrs. DEANE and DEANE, Bankers; Mr. CHARLES MAYES, Esq., G.C.E.)

Secretary: J. R. RONALD.

Offices of the Company, No. 13, Queen-street, Sydney.

The Directors meet for the dispatch of business every THURSDAY, at 3 p.m.

By order of the Board,

R. RONALD, Secretary and Manager.

Sydney, 8th July.

**A USTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT (LIFE ASSURANCE) SOCIETY.**

Established 1861.

Annual Revenue now exceeds £50,000.

Principal Office, Hunter-street, Sydney.

Chairman: The Honorable ARTHUR T. HOLROYD, Esq., M.L.A.

Deputy Chairman: J. R. H. JAMES MITCHELL, Esq., M.L.A.

ASSURANCE BRANCH.

Age 40. Premium to assure £100. £2 4s. 5d. per annum.

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITY, AND ENDOWMENT business, with participation in the profits, in each instance, transacted on equally favourable terms.

Prospectuses, forms of proposal, and every information may be obtained from any of the agents, or at the principal office.

ROBERT THOMSON, Actuary and Secretary.

Sydney, May 17.

**A USTRALIAN ALLIANCE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**—Fire Insurance, Life Assurance, Guarantee of Investments.

New South Wales Branch, Exchange-corner, Sydney, Capital, £25,000.

Fire Insurance at current rates, with special privileges in respect of the first premium.

Life Insurance and Guarantee Policies issued separately or combined.

Agents wanted.

JOHN MARTIN, Secretary.

**A USTRALIAN GENERAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

Officers: Mr. H. E. CHAMBERS, Pitt-street, Sydney.

Capital £400,000, in 4000 Shares.

DIRECTOR:

Frederick Fawcett, Esq., Chairman.

William H. Elmer, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

Walter Lamb, Esq.

Charles Smith, Esq.

James Milne, Esq., Esq.

Edward Wyld, Esq.

Marine, Fire, and from all parts of the world, and time or voyage risks on vessels taken at lowest current rates, particular of which can be obtained at the office.

Policies to Great Britain made payable in London if required.

HENRY T. FOX, Secretary.

**C O N S O L I D A T E D INSURANCE COMPANY OF VICTORIA.**

Empowered by Parliament, For Fire Insurance, Life Assurance, and Fidelity Guarantees.

Capital, £200,000.

CHARLES JAMES LUCAS, Secretary.

(Of Edinburgh).

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

ACCUMULATED, £461,690.

Board of Directors:

Richard Jones, Esq., Chairman.

F. R. D'Anger, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

John Thorpe, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

MEDICAL REFEREE: Dr. J. C. Cox.

Prospectus, table of rates, &amp;c., &amp;c., can be obtained at the Company's Office, 32, George-street, Sydney; or from any of the agents.

WILLIAM RAE, agent.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Established 1809.

Capital, £2,000,000.

Accumulated and Invested Funds, £1,374,000.

The undersigned has been appointed the Company's AGENT for New South Wales, and is authorized to insure fire on the most favourable terms.

HENRY MOORE, agent.

Moore's Wharf.

**F. R. E. INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Established 1855.

SYDNEY INSURANCE COMPANY.

Capital, £250,000.

A large number of a large and wealthy colony.

The value of insurance ranges from £1 per cent. to £6 per cent. for brick or stone dwellings, and from £4 to £8 per cent. for iron or stone shops, stores, and places of amusement.

Wooden buildings are charged special rates.

For this Company, for the losses within the past eight years, small accidents, from fires in dwellings or shops, are regarded as claims, and equitably settled. This being a mutual institution, the whole of the profits are retained in the treasury, having no benefit to England.

Particulars of other offices, &amp;c., &amp;c., can be obtained at the Office, corner of Pitt and Hunter streets, Sydney.

**THE EUROPEAN ASSURANCE SOCIETY FOR LIFE ASSURANCE AND FIDELITY GUARANTEE.**

Life Assurance and Guarantee Policies issued separately, or at reduced rates if combined.

The premiums charged in each department are the lowest that can be adopted with the view to the assured and the society.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON, Resident Secretary.

22, Hunter-street, Sydney.

M ARLBOROUGH HOUSE, 200, George-street, next Christ Church.—E. PRIOR'S First Cheap Cleaning SALE of Winter Stock will commence THIS DAY, and continue for 13 days only.

**THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Directors in Sydney.

J. S. Willis, Esq., Chairman.

G. K. Holden, Esq., Vice-Chairman.

H. H. Knott, Esq., M.L.C.

H. E. D. Thomas, Esq., C.R.B., &amp; Buchanan, Esq.

Medical Referee: John Johnson, Esq., M.R.C.S.

Alfred Roberts, Esq., M.R.C.S.

Surveyor: F. H. Grandjean, Esq., C.R.C.

T L L U S T R A N D A Y C O M P A N Y O F A U S T R A L I A.

Head Office, 31, St. Martin's-lane, London, E.C.

Capital, £500,000.

Power to increase to £1,000,000.

**ADVANCES**

Made for a term of years up to £20,000, on

Personal Security, Freshold estates, &amp;c.

Apply to BRIGHT, BROTHERS, and CO., managing agents for Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland.

Agents for Tasmania, &amp;c., &amp;c.

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MONDAY, 8th August.  
IMPORTANT SALE.

of the Executors of the Will of the late Mrs. Sarah Cooper.

ONDE ESTATE, PADDINGTON, consists of that well-known commodious first-class Dwelling-house, Underwood and Sarah streets; Dwelling-houses, Underwood and Sarah streets; Cottage, fronting the South Head Road; and a suitably-situated Building Site, South Head Underwood-street.

unquestionable. Full particulars may be obtained from Messrs. Bowley and Holdsworth, solicitors, &c.

TERMS, VERY LIBERAL.

Plans of subdivision at the Rooms.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.

COUNTRY OF COOK.

LES OF LAND, William Thurston's Grant, on Tomah Brook, near the Kurrajong, and adjoining Mr. J. S. Grant's Grant, now the property of Dr. BETTON.

MORT and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 17th August. That new beautifully-situated block of land, SHOT-STREET, VILLE STREET, and BEE-STREET, having 66 feet frontage, more or less, to Short-street, on which is erected a faithfully built weatherboard cottage with verandah, containing passage and 4 rooms, and at the rear stone kitchen and room, with an excellent supply of water.

\* The property is held under lease for the residue of a term of 99 years, at a ground rent of £10 per annum.

It is well known as the property of the late Mrs. Byrnes, and from its elevated position commanding a magnificent view of the harbour, is particularly recommended to those in search of such a property.

BALMAIN, WATERVIEW ESTATE.  
VERANDAH COTTAGE, SHORT-STREET.

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VALUABLE CITY PROPERTIES.

LOT 1—15 ALLOTMENTS OF LAND, ABERCROMBIE-STREET, CHIPPENDALE.

LOT 2—ALLOTMENT OF LAND, PITTS-STREET.

TITLES, unquestionable. Terms, liberal.

MORT and CO. have received instructions from ALEXANDER DICK, Esq., to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 17th August.

The following very valuable freehold properties:

LOT 1—ALLOTMENT OF LAND, ABERCROMBIE-STREET, CHIP-

PENDALE, and subdivided into  
15 BUILDING ALLOTMENTS,

having frontages of about 20 feet each.

\* The above, adjusted to the plan of James Gilder and Mr. J. S. Grant, M.R.A., also the row of houses lately erected by Clark Irving, Esq.; it is a capital block; the land being level and ready for building.

LOT 2—A splendid building site situated on the west side of PITTS-STREET, near the corner of Liverpool-street, and the residence of Dr. Gidley. It has a frontage of about 23 feet 3 inches by a depth of about 96 feet.

The above properties are very desirable freehold building sites and particular attention is directed to the sale.

BALMAIN.

LOT 1—VALUABLE FREEHOLD, DARLING-STREET.

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## THE REAL PROPERTY ACT.

To the Editor of the Herald.  
SIR.—As my object in the publication of my letters to Mr. Torrens in your journal was to lead to discussion, I have no right to complain of any of the comments made thereby as "Caveat" or yourself,—especially as they have all been made in a tone quite friendly to myself and to the general policy of the measure which I seek to improve. At the same time, I confess that I shrink from the interminable task of setting myself right on every point on which my views are controverted or misunderstood. Misunderstandings are, indeed, of the two, much more annoying than opposing arguments, inasmuch as while the latter may be weighed in the balance (in which case I shall never grudge their prevalence whenever they fairly outweigh my own)—the former place me in the false position of apparent antagonism to my own opinions.

For the present, I will limit myself to two points, upon which I have been thus misunderstood:—the one by yourself, in a recent leading article, and the other by "Caveat."

In your own article you combated my argument in favour of the granting of precedence to the earlier dated of two conflicting certificates, on the ground that it might lead to the unjust *dispossession* of a person who had long occupied and improved land in ignorance of the prior certificate. If you will, however, refer to my letter you will find that not only the language of my proposed amendment, but the whole context of the accompanying paragraph applies to the protection of the priority in question expressly and exclusively to the person who has "*full possession*" in conformity with the title evidenced thereby.

I feel especially called on to make this explanation, because it disposes of the only point in which you express a difference of opinion with me.

Your correspondent "Caveat" has raised several other questions, and I think in some instances exaggerated difficulties. While in others he has attributed to the new system objections which are alike applicable to the existing law. I do not, however, now propose to enter into any general discussion upon the articles bearing his signature—but will limit myself to one particular in this published in your paper of this morning, wherein he attributes to me the assumption that section 122, which limits actions for *compensation*, relates to section 115, which refers to actions of *ejectment*. I do not think he will discover any such assumption in either of my letters.

Section 115 not only *limits*, but in general actually *destroys*, the remedy of *ejectment*, as against that class of *bona-fide* purchasers for whose special protection statutes of limitation are passed. The remedy substituted with a view to the indemnification (so far as it goes) of the plaintiffs deprived of this action, is that to which section 122 applies. This substituted remedy being then the only matter left for discussion, I have applied to it certain argumentative considerations derived from the analogy of the Statute of Limitations and of the old law of non claim, with regard to *ejectment*. But it does not, therefore, follow that I assume the action of *ejectment* itself to be affected by section 122, either in giving six years time in those cases where it is thereby totally abolished, or in limiting it to six years in those exceptional cases in which it is thereby left to its operation.

As to any exterior considerations founded on the proper construction of the Act in this particular, I will not at present enter upon them. My object now is merely to show that in this particular matter of the construction of the two sections 115 and 122, I agree with "Caveat," and that, as in your own case, an imaginary difference has been attributed to me by hasty misinterpretation.

In considering any points of real difference which may appear to be of importance, I shall be prepared to weigh every argument without any overweening bias in favour of my own preconceived opinion, and with a sole regard to the merits of the question and the substantial amendment of the law.

I am, &c.,  
G. K. HOLDEN.

Sydney, 1st August.

## THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

The following notifications appear in yesterday's Government Gazette:—

A BILL IN THE PARLIAMENT.—The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated to the Governor that the Queen will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance in respect of the following Acts, passed by the Legislature of this colony, viz.:—27 Victoria, No. G. An Act for the Prevention of the Curse of Seabirds. An Act for the Protection of the Poor. An Act to enable William Farnell and Charles Farnell, the executors of the Will of Thomas Farnell, deceased, to sell certain sheep and cattle stations and stock, being part of the Trust property, and to invest the money to arise from such sale upon the terms of the will (27 January, 1864).

A Bill for the reduction of the postage on letters sent by certain banking company called the City Bank, and for other purposes therein mentioned (9th February, 1864). No. 8 : An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills (29th February, 1864); No. 7 : An Act to render Newspapers liable to Postage (29th February, 1864).

A BILL IN THE PARLIAMENT.—William Williams, to be clerk of correspondence to the Treasurer in the room of Mr. F. G. Campbell, to take effect from 20th June last.

ACCEPTED TENDER.—The tender of Messrs. P. N. Russell and Co., for the construction of twenty-eight rail-way goods wagons, has been accepted by the Government.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

MESSRS. BURT AND CO.—At their Bazaar, at 11 o'clock, Harewood, Digger Wagon, and Harness, English Cover, Hay, &c.

MR. J. WALLIB.—At the City Auction Depot, at 11 o'clock, Hay, Mats, Flours, Draper's Caps, Damaged Cotton Ticks, and Hays.

MR. J. O. BRANDY.—At his Mart, at 11 o'clock, Spring-cart, Pony, Stable, Bridle, Mangle, and Sundries.

MESSRS. ALEXANDER MOORE AND CO.—At the Cigar Factory, Haymarket, at 11 o'clock, Scantling, Batens, Deal Boards, &c.

MR. JOHN SOLOMON.—At his Rooms, at 11 o'clock, Damaged Furniture, &c., &c.

MESSRS. L. E. THRELFELD AND CO.—At the City Mart, at 11 o'clock, Spool Cotton, Minature Marlinine, Buttons, Glass, Steel, Zinc, Silk, Cloth, Hair, Bone, Copper, Tea, Arrowroot, Raisins, Almonds, Sugars, Opum, &c.

MR. H. D. COCKBURN.—On the Premises, 74, Liverpool-street, between Liverpool and Bourke-street, Timber, Boards, Fixtures, &c.

MR. THOMAS DAWSON.—At the Household Salts Yard, at 11 o'clock, Household Furniture, Sewing Machine, pianoforte, Carver, Chair, Iron Bedsteads, Cots, Assorted Harnesses, &c.

MR. G. COHEN.—At the Bank Auction Rooms, 11, Victoria-street, Auctioneers, Brakers, Wagons, Spring-carts, &c.

MESSRS. GIBSON AND SON.—On the Premises, rest of Cricketer's Arms, Elizabeth-street, at 11 o'clock, Timber, and Sundries.

## THE MELBOURNE CUP.

The following are the acceptances for the Melbourne cup:—

Mr. J. S. ... 7 2 Glenysville, 4 yrs ... 6 7

Second, 6 yrs ... 8 3 May, 5 yrs ... 6 18

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